

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000
PAID-UP £589,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [18]

**THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.**

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,993.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST:
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [214]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £250,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., | Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
H. Stollerfoth, Esq., | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., |

Chief Manager:
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months. Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 12th October, 1894. [17]

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
A.C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [19]

**SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.**

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [435]

GENERAL NOTICE.
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAILS £600,000 } \$333,333.33-
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., | LO YUK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq., |

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [1020]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 27th May 1894. [1794]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE UNDERSIGNED has This Day been
appointed MANAGER of the CHINA
MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, HONGKONG.

For the C. M. S. N. Co.,
LIAO TSE SAN,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1895. [1369]

Intimations.

**HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of the above Company will be held
at the Registered Office of the Company, 18
and 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY,
the 23rd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Governing Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd
instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
HART BUCK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [313]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will
be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Praya
Central, on SATURDAY, 23rd March, at NOON,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
General Managers, Declaring a Dividend, and
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 23rd
March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1895. [318]

**THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will
be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, Praya
Central, on SATURDAY, 23rd March, at 12.30
P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers, Declaring a Dividend,
and electing a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 23rd
March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1895. [319]

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-
HOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at
the OFFICE of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's
Street, on THURSDAY, the 28th
March, for the purpose of receiving a Report
from the General Agents, with a Statement of
Accounts to the 31st December, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 28th March,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1895. [349]

**LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at
the OFFICE of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's
Street, at 12.30 P.M., on THURSDAY, the 28th
March, for the purpose of receiving a Report
from the General Agents, with a Statement of
Accounts to the 31st December, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 28th March,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1895. [350]

"DERMATOL"

MANUFACTURED BY FAREWELL,
HACKETT & CO., its effect in eliminating
the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal
administration against diarrhoea, is described as
amazing.

**DR. KNORR'S
LION BRAND
ANTIPYRINE.**

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROV.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER,
TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSI-
PELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other
complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.
Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each
box bears the inventor's signature "Dr.
KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export Import and Bank Company.
Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong 15th April 1894. [446]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioresse will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1891. [401]

Amusements.

COOKE'S CIRCUS

AND
MENAGERIE

OF PERFORMING
WILD ANIMALS

will shortly arrive here for a short season from
Bangkok.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1895. [979]

Intimations.

**BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN
AGENCY, LIMITED.**
28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.



ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.
ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for COVERING BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.
CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1895. [189]

THE CLUB HOTEL, 5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.
HOTEL METROPOLE, 1, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervi-
sion of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.
Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every
assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the
Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of meeting either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra
charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER
on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.
C. T. BENNEY, Manager, YOKOHAMA. | **L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.** [160]

**THE FOLLOWING MAY BE HAD FROM
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.**

Gymnastics, by A. F. JENKIN.
Athletics, by H. H. Giffin.
Wrestling, by Walter Armstrong.
Fencing, by H. A. Colmore Dunn.
Boxing, by R. G. Allanson-Winn.
Baseball, by Newton Crane.
Association Football, by C. W. Alcock.
Lawn Tennis, by H. W. W. Wilberforce.
Tennis, Rackets, Fives, by Julian Marshall.
Major Spens, J. A. Arnan Tait.
Golf, by W. T. Lisakill.
Riding, by W. A. Kerr, V.C.
Riding for Ladies, by W. A. Kerr, V.C.
Mountain-climbing, by Claude Wilson.

CAMPING OUT, by A. A. MACDONNELL.
Camping, by J. D. Hayward.
Skiing, by Douglas Adams.
Billiards, by Major-General A. W. Drayson.
Hockey, by Frank S. Creswell.
Drafts and Backgammon, by Berkeley.
Dominoes & Solitaire, by Berkeley.
Ecarte & Kuchie, by Berkeley.
Reversi & Go Bang, by Berkeley.
Piquet & Rubicon Piquet, by Berkeley.
Bisette & Clubbage, by Berkeley.
Salo, Whist, by R. P. Green.
The two move Chess Problem, by B. G. Laws.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [16]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF
SHIP AND ENGINE STORES
OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—
HOLZAPFEL'S INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.

PRICES SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

United Asbestos Co.'s HIGH GRADE packings and jointings for Triple-Expansion Engines.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1895. [35]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN" A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 32.

BOARD AND LODGING

FROM \$4.00 PER DAY.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TO ALL FLOORS.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH Conveys PASSENGERS and BAGGAGES to and from all
MAIL STEAMERS.

ROOMS TO LET on 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

E. J. RICHARDSON,
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1895. [133]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

STEAM WATER-BEAT COMPANY.

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to SUPPLY
on shortest notice any quantity of PURE
FRESH FILTERED WATER for both DECK
and BOILERS.

The only Company in Hongkong exclusively
supplying FILTERED WATER.

Despatch Guaranteed. Call Flag "W."
J. W. KEW & Co.,
14, PRAYA CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. [121]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

CAPTAIN F. H. PLUMMER,
(LATE OF THE PACIFIC NAVY.)
THE OLDEST STEVEDORE IN
MANILA.

STEVEDORE AND CONTRACTOR.

COALS and all kinds of STORES
SUPPLIED on the shortest notice and
on the most reasonable terms.
Manila, 5th October, 1895. [51]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
Situate at Victoria, Hongkong, to be
SOLD

ON
FRIDAY, the 22nd March, 1895,
at 3 o'clock P.M., at the Premises.

The Property will first be offered IN ONE
LOT and if not sold will be offered IN LOTS
as follows:—

Lot 1. The tenement No. 31, First Street.
Lot 2. The tenement No. 33, First Street.
Lot 3. The tenement No. 35, First Street.
Lot 4. The tenement No. 37, First Street.

The above tenements are situate on the
Remaining Portion of Island Lot No. 452.

For further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale, apply to
VICTOR H. DEACON,
Solicitor,
or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong.
Hongkong 15th March, 1895. [361]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

**HANDSOME ENGLISH-MADE AND
HOLTZ & HOLTZ MADE FURNITURE,
CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES,
CURIOS, PIANO, BILLIARD TABLE, &c.**

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Dr. AYRES, to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1895,
AT 2.30 P.M.,
at his Residence, CAINE ROAD,
THE WHOLE OF THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—
ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT SILK with
PLUSH COVERED DRAWING-ROOM
SUITE and OTTOMAN.
CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES.
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.
BLACKWOOD CABINET, CURIO
STANDS and TABLES.
CHINESE and JAPANESE CURIOS.
ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT CENTRE
TABLE.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE.
ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY SIDE-
BOARD with GLASS BACK, DINNER WAG-
GONS.
HANDSOME HAND-PAINTED, DINNER
and DESSERT SERVICES, GLASS and
PLATED WARE.
WRITING TABLE, GLASS BOOK-CASES
and BOOKS.
DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD, SINGLE
IRON BEDSTEAD.
HOLTZ & HOLTZ MADE BED-ROOM
FURNITURE,
Consisting of:—
DOUBLE WARDROBES with GLASS
DOORS, DRESSING TABLES with
GLASSES, WASHSTANDS, CHAMBER
STANDS, CHEST OF DRAWERS and SMALL
CHAIRS.
ONE LEATHER COVERED WRITING
CASE.
ONE LACQUERED and GOLD FOLDING
SCREEN.
ONE TELESCOPE and STAND, by CALLA-
SHAW.
ONE GERARD GRAND PIANO.
ONE FULL SIZE POCKET BILLIARD
TABLE with BALLS, CUES, &c., Complete
by BURROUGHS & WATTS.
ONE IRON SAFE.
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
SUNDRY PLANTS in POTS,
&c., &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1895. [368]

IMPORTANT SALE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT
FRASER-SMITH, DECEASED.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
Instructions from C. F. A. SAMSTERS,
Esq., OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR to offer for Sale
by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
THURSDAY, the 28th day of March, 1895,
at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon,
at the
AUCTION ROOMS, No. 49, Queen's Road Central,
THE WHOLE OF THE
PLANT, OFFICE FURNITURE,
STOCK-IN-TRADE AND GOODWILL
OF THE
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale
Apply to
C. EWENS,
Solicitor,
or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1895. [306]

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 121, E.C.

A N EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the
above CHAPTER will be held in the
FREDERICKSBURG BREWERY, on TUES-
DAY, the 26th instant, at 2.30 for 9 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially
invited to attend.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1895. [307]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship
"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"
Captains Richards, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 25th
instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1895. [209]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"BENLARI,"
Captains Le Bontiller, will be despatched as
above on or about 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1895. [355]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L.I. American Ship
"TILLIE E. STARBUCK,"
Captains, Master, will load here for the above Port,
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1895. [111]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship
"QUEEN MARGARET,"
Faulkner, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th February, 1895. [302]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"OCEANIC"
are hereby notified that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's
Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery
may be obtained, on countersignature of Bills of
Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 20th
instant, will be subject to sale.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1895. [18]

For Sale.

FOR SALE OR HIRE.

THE DWELLING HOUSE on MANGO
HILL, PAGODA ANCHORAGE, lately
occupied by Captain SAUNDERS,
Immediate Possession can be taken.
For further particulars apply to
CAPTAIN J. C. SAUNDERS,
Amoy.

or
BROCKETT & Co.,
Focchow.
Amoy, and February, 1895. [219]

THE FREDERICKSBURG BREWERY Co.'s
LIGHT PALE ALE,
Unsurpassed in quality
and highly recommended
by persons of
Refined taste.

Makes a delicious and
comforting drink
during Summer Months.
H. E. BOTTLEWALLA,
SOLE AGENT,
No. 2, D'Aguiar Street.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1895. [197]

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

**WINE and SPIRIT
MERCHANTS,**
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND
GLASGOW.

15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1894. [101]

FOR SALE.

JAPAN HAND-MADE PAPERS,

JAPAN PRINTING PAPERS,

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DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

GOLD IN THE HEAD, &c.

EUROPEAN WELLS & Co.'s
PINK EUCALYPTUS INHALERS.

One of the best remedies extant for Nasal Catarrh and all disorders of the Nasal Passages and Nasopharyngeal membrane.

Price\$1.25.

EUCALYPTUS OIL.

A STANDARD REMEDY FOR COLDS.

Sprinkled on the handkerchief and over the breast of the night clothing it gives almost instant relief.

Bottles\$1.00 and 50 Cents.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ld.,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1895.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

All these are selected by our London House, brought direct at first hand, imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits and enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

PRICE LISTS, WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

PORT—After removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY: Excellent dinner and after dinner Wines, of very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the vine of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked "E" is particularly popular and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
19th January 1895.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1895.

TELEGRAMS.

PACIFIC INTENTIONS.

LONDON, March 19th.

The correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg states that the whole of the Russian Mediterranean squadron proceeds to the Pacific in readiness for eventualities.

FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Spanish troops have routed the Malay Muslims at Mindanao, and one hundred of the rebels, including the Sultan and his son, were killed.

ANOTHER CHINESE LOAN.

It is stated that arrangements are already in progress in London for the issue of another Chinese loan (in gold) to meet the anticipated demand by the Japanese for a heavy war indemnity.

THE SPANISH CABINET.

Signor Sagasta's Cabinet has resigned.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury)

ADVANCE OF THE JAPANESE ARMY.

YOKOHAMA, March 8th.

General Nodzu in a telegram from Fenchow (Fengchow), dated the 6th instant, reports:—First Army advanced to Kolan but found no enemy; the Third Division encamped at Chobinbo; the staff and Fifth Division will advance towards Chenshotai. (Tienchwangtai).

THE CAPTURE OF NEWCHANG.

GENERAL SUNG AND ARMY RETREATING.

YOKOHAMA, March 8th.

Yingkow (Newchang) was captured by a portion of the Second Japanese Army on the 6th instant. At 8.30 p.m. of that date the shore forts were still retreating. General Sung with his forces have fled towards Chenshotai (Tienchwangtai). General Wu Tacheng always remaining there, it being his headquarters.

GENERAL NODZU'S REPORT ON THE CAPTURE OF NEWCHANG.

YOKOHAMA, March 9th.

General Nodzu, in his report to Marshal Yamagata upon the capture of the environs of Newchang, says:—I sent Colonel Fukuhara and Major to inform the English and United

States Consuls that the place had been captured by my Army, which would undertake to maintain order and protect foreigners, at the same time informing them they need have no anxiety. They required if any trouble had occurred during the capture. The Consuls expressed themselves thankful of our care and promised to reassure all the foreigners at Newchang. The Consuls and Commanders of Foreign men-of-war requested us to telegraph to their Ministers and Ambassadors that all foreigners were quite safe. We promised to do so and they all appeared animated, and expressed a kindly feeling for our army. We have strictly prohibited any Chinese entering the Foreign Settlement, which is guarded by six hundred Japanese soldiers. The English and American officers expressed their thanks for the police measures we have given to protect the town. The Settlement is perfectly quiet. Upon attacking old Newchang (Tienchwangtai) we found some Foreign Missionaries whom we immediately took under our protection.

LEFT BANK OF THE LIAO RIVER COMPLETELY TAKEN.

THE LIAO RIVER STILL FROZEN.

YOKOHAMA, March 10th.

A telegram from Newchwang, dated the 7th instant, states:—The First Division of the Japanese Army reports that on the 4th instant the south-west of Newchwang and the left bank of the Liao River completely taken.

Two Japanese soldiers were blown up by a mine during the day.

The Liao (Newchwang) River is still frozen.

THE CAPTURE OF TIENCHWANGTAL.

TWO THOUSAND CHINESE KILLED.

YOKOHAMA, March 10th.

Marshal Nodzu reports that on the 9th inst., his army, being joined by the First Division, attacked Tienchwangtai (Tienchwangtai) from three directions; one division coming from the north-east, one from the east, and one from the north-west. They commenced the bombardment at seven o'clock in the morning, and by 10.30 a.m. the Chinese forces numbering upwards of 10,000, were entirely routed, fleeing disorganised towards the north-west. The Japanese loss is estimated at about one hundred. The number of Chinese killed, as far as can be judged at the present moment, is about two thousand. A large quantity of guns, rifles, ammunition, stores and other materials have fallen into the hands of the Japanese. Tienchwangtai (Tienchwangtai) is an important military post, where General Wu Tacheng and the Hunanese troops were stationed. The place was destroyed by fire caused by the explosion of shells in bombardment.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

Her Majesty the Empress of Japan leaves Tokyo on the 11th March for Hiroshima. She will inspect all military and Red Cross Hospitals en route.

PROMOTION OF GENERAL NODZU.

General Nodzu has been promoted to Field Marshal.

ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES FROM THE INTERIOR.

PEKING, March 11th.

Ladies from Kalgan, three hundred miles north of Peking, have arrived here, on account of receiving waiting letters from the American Legation and other quarters. However, everything is very quiet here as well as here.

TIENCHWANGTAL BURNED BY THE CHINESE.

YOKOHAMA, March 11th.

On the 11th instant, Field-Marshal Oyama reports that the First Division, after consulting with the First Army, proceeded to Tienchwangtai, leaving a regiment of infantry in various Newchwang. On the 9th, the First Division attacked, in concert with the First Army. One brigade crossed the Liao River and advanced along the right bank. One regiment of infantry, with a regiment of artillery, advanced in a direct route, with a division of the First Army. The Third Division advanced along the left bank of the river and crossed it above Tienchwangtai (Tienchwangtai). The Chinese retreated, towards Tienchwangtai. Being pursued by the Japanese and surrounded, the Chinese sustained severe loss, leaving over 1,000 dead on the line of retreat only. The whole town of Tienchwangtai (Tienchwangtai) was burnt by the Chinese.

TWO MORE SKIRMISHES.

YOKOHAMA, March 11th.

On the morning of the 11th instant, 1,600 Chinese attacked Japanese outposts on the north side of Chobinbo, near Kolan. The Japanese, with heavy loss, repulsed them. Another 1,000 Chinese attacked the Japanese rear left flank, but were strongly repulsed. The Chinese left seventy dead on the field. The Japanese had only six wounded.

NEWCHANG RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

In Newchang there were six hundred wounded Chinese soldiers on the 24th February who were receiving the attention of the foreign doctors connected with the Red Cross Hospital.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 23th.

Viscount Kato, the new Japanese Minister to the Court of St. James, presented his credentials to Her Majesty the Queen yesterday (17th).

PARIS, March 11th.

In the Chamber of Deputies, during a discussion on the Colonial estimates, M. Delcasse declared that, though France and the English dream of possessing the Upper Nile and Egyptian Sudan had vanished for ever, M. Hanotaux (Minister for Foreign Affairs) declined to be drawn into any statement.

LONDON, March 11th.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in replying to a question put by Sir William Wedderburn, said, taking into the circumstances into consideration, he considers the British Exchequer ought to bear the whole cost of the Opium Commission.

The Times announces that Mr. Joseph Pense signs with the majority the report of the Royal Opium Commission, and that Mr. J. H. Wilson alone is presenting a memorandum of dissent on certain of the main questions involved in the report.

PARIS, March 2nd.

'Harry Aris' was killed in a duel with Captain Chaillet.

'Harry Aris' was the nom-de-plume of a contributor to the Debats on Colonial affairs. He was regarded as an authority on Africa. He has been the moving spirit of all the French African expeditions.

M. Montfort, in a speech, demanded an explanation from the Government regarding M. de Lanesman's recall, and denounced the Government's policy in Indo-China will regard to monopolies.

M. Chautemps, Minister for the Colonies, has proposed a measure in the Chamber to augment by nine millions of francs the grant made to Indo-China for railways and public works, the advance to be afterwards repaid by the Colony.

March 4th.

M. Chautemps, Minister of Colonies, has declared that M. de Lanesman was recalled for communicating in 1892, to the Director of public instruction, secret documents, and for paying him, through the Bank of Indo-China, 5,000 francs which M. de Lanesman had since repaid.

FOOCHOW RACES.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph)

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1895.

The Fochow Spring Meeting commenced this morning under anything but favourable circumstances. Heavy rain fell during last night and throughout the forenoon, rendering the course very heavy going.

The following are the results of to-day's races:—

THE SPRING CUP; value \$700; entrance \$5; for all China ponies; weight as per scale. Half a mile.

Kinder 1

Bontin 2

Klarara 3

Time—64 sec.

THE MAIDEN STAKES; of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for all China ponies that have never run at any meeting; weights as per scale. Three quarters of a mile.

Mercury 1

Dragonfly 2

Butterfly 3

Time—1 min. 42 3/4 sec.

THE AMOY CUP; (presented); value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile and three quarters.

Boldheart 1

Autocrat 2

Steadfast 3

Time—4 min. 15 1/2 sec.

THE KUANHAI STAKES; of \$10 each, with \$50 added; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra. Seven furlongs.

Firefly 1

Bontin 2

Klarara 3

Time, 2 min. 56 sec.

THE HACK STAKES; of \$5 each; for all China ponies not otherwise entered; catch weights over 12 stone; jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting in China and/or Hongkong allowed 7 lbs.; ponies that have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. Once round.

Greybeard 1

Santacrus 2

Time, 1 min. 56 sec.

THE KUSHAN CUP; value \$100; for all China ponies; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile.

Yarra 1

Kingston 2

Wanderer 3

Time—2 min. 10 sec.

THE RACING STAKES; of \$5 each with \$50 added for the first, and \$25 for the second pony; for all ponies that have never won a race; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

Leander 1

Butterfly 2

Jackdaw 3

Time—2 min. 0 sec.

THE NANTAI STAKES; of \$10 each divided, 70 per cent, 20 per cent, and 10 per cent, to first, second and third pony; a forced entry for all ponies entered at this Meeting except in the Hack Stakes; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Boldheart 1

Africanus 2

Rafra 3

Time—2 min. 58 1/2 sec.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS AT W. ROBINSON & CO.

CHRYSTAL is still prevalent among Asiatics in Bangkok.

The fast and furious British gunboat Tweed went into Kowloon Dock yesterday for the usual periodical overhaul.

Li Hung-chang, with a suite of forty persons, including Mr. H. Petrick, his Foreign Secretary, left Tokyo for Shinonoi (Japan) on the morning of the 15th instant.

The Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) inform us that the steamer Arratoon Apeah, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

The O. & O. liner Oceanic, which left for England to-day to undergo a thorough overhaul of her machinery, etc., carried 1,400 emigrants booked for the Straits.

We are reliably informed that Messrs. von Harzen have severed his connection with the Chinese Government and will shortly proceed to Europe with Mrs. von Harzen.

In the death of Mr. Robert Francis, Chairman of the Shanghai Gas Company, at Shanghai on the 15th inst., the "Model Settlement" has lost one of its oldest and most respected residents.

ALFRED Holt's brand-new "blue-tanned" liner Sargodon, which left Liverpool on the 2nd ult., arrived here this morning, via Singapore. She is commanded by Cap. M. H. F. Jackson.

New piano repairing machinery, received by W. Robinson & Co.

The Captains of the Hainan, Lanyan, Teonan, Chintung, Kungshai and Kwangchi are, in recognition of important transport services rendered to the Chinese Government last year, to be decorated with the 1st Class 3rd degree Order of the Celestial Empire.

Mr. DAVIDSON, Special War Correspondent of the New York Herald, left Shanghai, a couple of days ago bound for Amoy, whence he purposes crossing the Formosa Channel and landing at Tamsui. Is this a straw that shows the way the Japanese wind is blowing?

OWING to the receipt of a lot of interesting and very important news from Shanghai and the fact that we are obliged to hold over our descriptive report of St. Patrick's Ball, given at the City "all last night, which was a huge success and reflected the greatest credit on the organisers and committees responsible for the arrangements.

At the Police Court to-day, before Mr. Wedderburn, Peter Nolan, a fireman, was charged for being a vagrant. According to the evidence of Sergeant M. Moffat it appears that at 9 p.m. on the 18th inst. the defendant went to No. 7 Police Station and gave himself up as a vagrant.

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Chinese! Now, considering the difference in our modes of living, the crowding of the Chinese in contrast to the palatial space we require for our wants, the rates paid by the Chinese are practically infinitesimal.

Yours, etc.,
A RATEPAVER.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1895.
[The proportion of taxes paid by the Chinese, mentioned by "Reflex" in his letter, was intended to refer chiefly to the entire taxes of the Colony, in which the Chinese pay such a great percentage, and should therefore reap a somewhat corresponding share of benefits derived therefrom. The Queen's College Chinese tax is only a minor illustration thereof, and is not intended to show that this expense, though all, should not be a subject of reproach, but rather the reverse.—ED., Hongkong Telegraph.]

JAPAN'S DEMANDS.

The following from the Shanghai Mercury, the only journal published in the "Model Settlement" that has been conducted throughout the "war-year" in an impartial manner and has at the same time supplied the public with the latest and most reliable news, is unquestionably based on authentic information, received at Shanghai on the 19th instant, and is therefore worthy of the immediate attention of all who take an intelligent interest in the efforts now being put forth to bring about a cessation of the Oriental war.

Now that the departure of His Excellency Li Hung-chang is arranged for, it becomes a matter of the greatest importance, not only to China and Japan but to all the leading Powers of the world, to learn what are the terms demanded. It is not possible to state these categorically, but we will give certain information on many of the most important items, regarding which we are in a position to enlighten our readers. The first point on which Japan is insistent is, of course, the independence of Korea. She will also demand a heavy indemnity. This will have to be paid by instalments extending over a number of years, and, meanwhile, as a security for its payment, Japan will demand the occupation of some strategic points, and very likely the control of the Customs Revenue. Japan will also want an efficient and effective alliance with China, and intends to demand a cessation of territory. With regard to the latter there is no doubt that China will do her utmost to refuse any cession, but there is a supposition that this may be compromised by handing over the Island of Formosa, which has only in recent years been organized as part of China, and which, as yet, is hardly assimilated with the Empire proper. Even here, if these large demands are accepted in which, being that China is not helplessly at the feet of her conqueror, is hardly a matter of choice on her part, Japan is almost sure to insist on the entrance of a Japanese Army to Peking, and it is in connection with this fact that the most important struggle will take place. Such an event is recognized by both China and Japan as almost the critical test of the negotiators. The peaceable occupation of Peking by consent would imply the last stage of degradation, and would be accepted by the Empire at large as equivalent to the withdrawal of the *T'ien-tsin* from the Dynasty. Much rather would she see Peking stormed and captured by force of arms than that its occupation should be by the consent of the Government. If Japan insist on carrying out this part of the programme it is more than probable that she will face blank walls, and that when her officers enter they will find no one to deal with, for both Government and Officials, and probably a large part of the Tartar population, will have left. A most very different state of affairs occurred when, in 1842, the British troops entered China, and found the Manchu garrison had thrown their women and children down the wells and had themselves committed suicide. The main portion of this programme we published in the *Celestial Empire* on the 28th December last, and this programme, though doubted in England at the time, has since, as we see, been enlarged. Now it is plain that, if Japan comes to demand any large accession of territory, she will have to come to some arrangement with Russia which will be satisfactory to the aims and requirements of that Power. It may be that a tripartite arrangement between Japan, Russia, and China has already been mooted, Japan, however, for her own sake, is anxious to raise as little opposition as possible from Foreign Powers, and this lends itself further complication to any proposal as yet suggested. Arrangements with one power, or one or two, are not likely to find favour with the others. The case of Africa comes here directly to the point. Such acquisitions are infectious, and an example of annexation set will almost inevitably result in a game of "Grab." Altogether to-day's news is the most ominous that has come to hand since the commencement of the war.

INTERESTING SHIPPING REPORTS AND CASUALTIES.

An Anger correspondent has forwarded the following interesting report to the *Strait Times* which, in view of the important nature of its contents, we need offer no apology for reproducing in its entirety.

On the 7th March Captain McKenna and the crew of the British ship *Earncliffe*, from Table Bay bound to Saigon, on shore at Princes Island and a total loss, was picked up by the Netherlands steamer *Lucifer*, the crew proceeding with her to Batavia and the Captain going overland immediately.

Captain Koudens of the Norwegian barque *Silvery* reports that on the 17th January in latitude 41° 00' South and longitude 123° 30' East he came across the derelict barque *Dumbartonshire* of Glasgow. She was still intact with mizzen mast standing and was a most serious obstruction to navigation, being just on the track of vessels bound out. The foregoing vessel had been abandoned on the 27th July in latitude 30° 30' South and longitude 39° 30' West, so she must have drifted a considerable distance to the eastward.

Captain Taylor of the *Jordan Hall* spoke the following vessels on the passage out:—
British ship *Orealla* on the 10th December, New York to Shanghai, in 12° 25' deg. South and 34° 18' deg. West.

French barque *Fules Varnes* on the 11th January, St. Nazaire to Saigon, in 41° 3' deg. South and 9° 12' deg. East.

British ship *Port Douglas*, on the 11th January, London to Sydney, in 41° 3' deg. South and 9° 12' deg. East.
Captain Ralston of the British ship *Noble* reports that he saw on the 4th inst. a full rigged ship, seemingly an American or Nova Scotia man, hard ashore on the south-west end of Princes Island. She had three topsails loose, her main top gallant mast gone, and had a strong list to port. Captain Ralston thinks that the vessel has not been long on shore, and that she will become a total wreck. He observed a boat leaving the ship and making for the shore. I advised Captain Landweer of the Dutch steamer *Lucifer* of the circumstance, and hope to get particulars of the disaster on her return trip.

TWO COMICAL LETTERS.

The *Yi Shing* reproduces two letters, both said to have been written by Tsoi Niu to Vice-Admiral Ito, which the *Japan Mail* translates thus:—
Excellency—I beg to express my sincere thanks for your having permitted our soldiers to leave the island, as intimated in your answer to Admiral Ting's letter. I am also grateful for your having been so good as to consult with me twice subsequently. I learn from Chang Piking that your Excellency has signified your intention of restoring to me the *Kangchi*, that she may carry the coffin of Admiral Ting as well as our officers out of the Bay. I beg you to accept my profound thanks.
(Signed) NIU CHANG-PING.
(Dated) 22nd day of the 1st month (Chinese calendar).

Excellency—I have the honour to point out that the *Kwangchi* belongs to the Kwangtung Squadron. In the spring of last year, at the usual inspection by Ito-Chung-tang, the *Kwangchi*, the *Kwangy*, and *Kwangching* came to attend the assembly of the Northern Squadron, and at its conclusion ought to have returned, but for certain reasons remained with the Peking Fleet temporarily. The *Kwangchi* and the *Kwangy* have both been lost, and of the three *Kwangtung* ships only the *Kwangching* remains. *Kwangching* had nothing to do with the present war, and if it loses all three ships we shall have no excuse to offer to the Kwangtung Commander-in-Chief. Should your Excellency sympathize with us, restore the *Kwangching*, I promise that she shall not again take part in the war. If you cannot consent to that perhaps you will agree that the armament be taken from the ship, and that her hull only be restored, in which case Chang Piking will not be disgraced, but will give some apology to his commander, and will also thank you for your Excellency will appreciate the situation. I await your reply.
(Signed) NIU CHANG-PING, &c., &c.

This second letter is one of the most comical chapters in war records. But it is also a sad chapter, in the sense that it betrays the extraordinarily divided, and consequently weak state of the Chinese empire.

PROGRAMME OF THE SHANGHAI SPRING MEETING, 1895.

Stewards:—A. McLeod, Esq., G. D. Pöhl, Esq., C. J. Dudgeon, Esq., J. Fearon, Esq., F. J. McIlland, Esq., J. A. Pond, Esq., E. A. Probst, Esq.

Chief of the Course:—E. H. Grey-Booth, Esq.

Secretary:—Baines Dallas, Esq.

FIRST DAY.—MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1895.
The SUBSCRIPTION STAKES; a sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each, with Tls. 100 added; for subscription griffins of this meeting only; second pony, Tls. 25; weight for inches as per scale. Three-quarters of a mile.

The CRITERION STAKES; a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, with Tls. 200 added; second pony, Tls. 50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale. One mile.

The GRIFFINS' PLATE, value Tls. 500; for China ponies that have never run at any meeting; second pony Tls. 100; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three-quarters of a mile.

The CATHAY CUP; value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a half.

The JOCKEY CUP; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies that have never won a race; second pony, Tls. 25; to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

The KIANGSU PLATE; value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; second pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and three-quarters.

The HART LEGACY CUP; presented by the late James Hart, Esq.; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-mile.

The RACING STAKES; a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies that have never run before 1st January, 1895; second pony, Tls. 50; griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; weight for inches as per scale; winners, 5lbs. extra. One mile and a quarter.

The ROADSTERS' PLATE; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies (without restriction as to height) not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight 11st. 1lb; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

The GRAND STAND STAKES; a sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies, being *bond fide* griffins at date of entry, which had not arrived in Shanghai, or been purchased prior to 1st February, 1895; second pony, Tls. 50; subscription griffins of this meeting, the winner of the subscription stakes excepted, allowed 5lbs; weight for inches as per scale; winner of any race 7lbs. extra. One mile.

SECOND DAY.—TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1895.
The CHU-KA-ZU CUP; value, Tls. 100; for China Ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race since 1st October, 1894; 7lbs. extra; two or more races, 10lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Half-a-mile.

The SHANGHAI DERBY; a Sweepstakes of Tls. 15 each, with Tls. 350 added; for China ponies, being *bond fide* griffins at date of entry; first pony, to receive 75 per cent.; second pony, 15 per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

The LADIES' FURZE; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins, non-winners allowed 7lbs.; subscription griffins, non-winners allowed 10lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a quarter.

The RACE CLUB CUP; value, Tls. 150; for China ponies; second pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Seven furlongs.

The CONCORDIA CUP; value, Tls. 200; presented by Members of the Club Concordia, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second pony to receive 40 per cent., and the third pony to 20 per cent. of the Stakes; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Derby, 7lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

The MONGOLIAN CUP; value Tls. 100; for Subscription Griffins of this Meeting only; Second Pony, Tls. 25; winner of the Subscription Stakes, 5lbs. extra; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a quarter.

The SPRING CUP; value Tls. 100 added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each less Tls. 50 to the Second Pony; for China Ponies that have never won a race; weight 11st. for 13 hands; to give or take 5lbs. for every inch over or under. One mile.

The SHANGHAI STAKES; A forced entry of Tls. 5, with Tls. 250 added; for all ponies entered at this meeting; excepting ponies entered in the Subscription Griffin races and in the Roadsters' Plate; griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second pony, 20 per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

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The TAOTAI'S CUP; value, Tls. 150; presented by H. E. the Taotai; for China Ponies; second pony, Tls. 25; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting allowed 5lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile.

The SCURRY STAKES; value, Tls. 150 to winner; added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each to be divided equally between the first and second ponies; for *bond fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners 7lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 5lbs. Three-quarters of a mile.

THIRD DAY.—WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1895.
The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE; value, Tls. 125; for ponies that have run at this meeting; second pony, Tls. 25; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; two or more races, 10lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Three-quarters of a mile.

The SHANGHAI HANDICAP; value Tls. 200 added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; for all ponies that have run at this meeting; the Roadsters' Plate excepted; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second pony, 20 per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent.; to be handicapped by the Stewards after the Second Day's Race. One mile and a half.

The SHANTUNG STAKES; A forced entry for all subscription griffins of this meeting, with Tls. 100 added; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second pony, 20 per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fee; weight for inches as per scale; the winner of one race 7lbs. extra; of two races 12lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile.

The PARI-MUTUEL CUP; value, Tls. 200, added to a sweepstakes of Tls. 5 each; second pony to receive 30 per cent., and the third pony 10 per cent. of the stakes; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 7lbs; non-starters and winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

The YANGTZE STAKES; value, Tls. 150; second pony Tls. 50; for China ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners allowed 10lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles.

The MANCHU STAKES; value, Tls. 150; for China ponies *bond fide* griffins at date of entry, that have run and not won a race; second pony Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a quarter.

The CONSOLATION CUP; value, Tls. 150; second pony Tls. 50; for ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race, and have been entered otherwise than in the Shanghai Stakes or in races confined to subscription griffins; weight for 1 cher as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES; value, Tls. 500; a forced entry for open only to winners at this meeting; optional for the winners of the Subscription Cup and Subscription Griffin Races; winner of the Roadsters' Plate, excluded; weight for inches as per scale; each pony entered to pay five per cent. of the value of the Stakes and Prizes won. One mile and a quarter.

The NIL DESPERANDUM CUP; value, Tls. 100; for Subscription Griffins of this Meeting that have run and not won a Race; second pony, Tls. 25; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Three-quarters of a mile.

The GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE; value, Tls. 150; for China Ponies; Second Pony, Tls. 50; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5lbs; entrance, Tls. 5; twice round a course selected by the Stewards.

Entries close at 4 p.m. on Saturday, the 30th March.

TAKU.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

TAKU, 7th March.
By what I can make out, the Japanese are fully expected here. Many of the natives have left and others are leaving.

I learn from Tientsin that Miss Detring is to be married to Mr. von Hanneken on Monday next. It is to be quite a grand affair. There are to be four bridesmaids; her two sisters and the Misses Forbes, also two little girls with baskets of flowers. After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. von Hanneken will leave for Shanghai. His soldiering business has all fallen through. Some of the foreigners are being paid off, others returning to their duty in the Customs.

It was reported in Tientsin yesterday that Li Hung-chang's Peace Commission had failed, as the Emperor would not allow him full powers to act.

The Chinese talk of blocking up the Peiho River should the Japanese appear in sight; if so many of the foreigners will leave for your port. We are having an anxious time of it here, as we do not know how soon our little property may be destroyed, and this not being a Treaty Port we may not be compensated from our loss should it occur.—*Mercury*

PEKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKING, 6th March.
Within two weeks time we have witnessed a *coup d'etat*. Before that time Li Hung-chang was in disfavour, and his edict after another was issued denouncing either him or some of his men; nearly every day there was some reference in the official Gazette to the prosecution of war. About the same time we learned the failure of Ministers Chang and Shao to open any negotiations for peace with Japan. The question then remained should war be continued or should another attempt at peace be made? If the latter, who should be the man capable of commanding the respect of Japan?

While thus questioning we suddenly heard it announced that Li Hung-chang was coming to Peking, and would probably be appointed as Envoy to Japan. Also that all his honours were restored him. Knowing that in China it is the unexpected which happens, we were not altogether surprised.

On the 22nd of February Li arrived, with button, feather and all. He came to face his foes and also to muzzle them. The next morning he had a long audience with the Emperor of over three hours. During a stay of eleven days he had five audiences with the Emperor and two with the Empress-Dowager, the last one being in the company of the Emperor. He also consulted with the Grand Council, saw all the leading officials, exchanged calls with all the Foreign Ministers, and started off yesterday morning with full powers from the Emperor to sue for peace and negotiate the terms.

During all this time, not only were the Edicts stopped denouncing Li and all his men, but also referring to the war at all. How comes this change?

First of all the Empress-Dowager wanted peace rather than the capital. She trusted Li as the man of action. Then Prince Kong was persuaded that the assuaging Li was unjust, and also, he preferred that Li should go to sue for peace rather than go himself. He persuaded Li to come to Peking and guaranteed that his head would not suffer. At the same time he kept quiet as an advocate of Li. He waited for Li to arrive. Li, with his commanding presence,

acute ability, great courage and energy, feared nothing, and in turn silenced his foes. He brought forth state papers for years to prove that he had been handicapped in defending the nation with proper navy and army and by other improvements, and that the blame must rest on those who had thus opposed these measures rather than on himself. Prince Kong stood by him, and the Empress-Dowager was in the rear as his supporter, and so the others quieted down, including the strong, might, but conservative influence of the Empress, Wang Tling-ho.

It certainly looks as if it would be "peaceful" being extorted by the Japanese and a personal friend to Comt. Li. It is understood that he will be all wed to communicate with his Government by telegraph, and so vital questions will be settled here.

The men forming the war party, while open to criticism because of failure to adopt all the Western ideas and ways, are yet many of them actuated with a conscientious sense of right and wrong, and so, believing that Japan has wrongfully brought on the war, they feel like relating to the end, praying for the vengeance of Heaven on the evil-doers. Some of these men are the best of the Empire, and if once convinced of the value of foreign improvements, will set them forward with determined honesty. Some of them are foes to the present, political corruption, and are China's true reformers.

In the suite of Viceroy Li there are Hon. Li T'ing-ho, who is to act as interpreter, Mr. W. N. Patrick, who continues to act as private Foreign adviser, and Dr. Lin, who goes as private medical attendant. Hon. J. W. Foster and Wu Ting-fang will join the Mission in Japan.

All the plans have been formed in the Grand Council rather than the Tsung-li Yamen. The commission was then prepared and signed by the Emperor.

The Chinese are not altogether confident that peace will be effected. They are willing and anxious to stop fighting, but it is uncertain how big a price they will like to pay.

The war party is to the rear, and Viceroy Li, Prince Kong, and the Empress-Dowager to the front.—*Mercury*.

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